

To: DSA Stakeholders

From: The Division of the State Architect

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Subject: Document Updates and Announcements for the Third Quarter of 2023
To keep industry partners informed of new and revised forms and publications available online, as well as recent announcements, the Division of the State Architect (DSA) posts this list to the “News & Events” section of the DSA website each quarter. If you have questions regarding any of the forms, publications, or announcements in this summary, please email dsacommunication@dgs.ca.gov.

NEW AND REVISED FORMS AND PUBLICATIONS

JUNE

- [IR PC-7: Pre-Check \(PC\) Design Criteria for Steel Cantilevered Canopy Structures: 2022 CBC](#)
This publication was revised to clarify the requirements relating to pre-check (PC) submittals to promote uniform statewide criteria for code compliance in design and in plan review of steel cantilevered column structures for projects under DSA jurisdiction. (06/01/23)
- [IR 16-1: Relocatable Buildings and Modular Elevator Towers: 2022 CBC](#) This publication was revised to clarify the placement of new relocatable buildings and new modular elevator towers on a school site, and alteration or relocation of existing relocatable buildings and elevator towers submitted to DSA under the 2022 CBC. (06/14/23)

JULY

- [IR A-7: Inspector Certification and Approval](#) This publication was revised to clarify requirements relating to the certification and approval of school construction project inspectors (PI). (07/13/23)
- [PR 20-01: Request for Exempting Mortar Sampling and Testing This](#) procedure was revised to clarify the required steps to exempt mortar sampling and testing in accordance with the second exception to the California Building Code (CBC), Section 2105A.3 for projects under DSA jurisdiction. (07/13/23)
- [IR A-28: Fire Alarm System Changes in Existing Buildings](#) This publication was revised to clarify the DSA requirements for the complete or partial change of a fire alarm (F/A) system in an existing building due to obsolescence, catastrophic failure, voluntary upgrading, or as part of an alteration or modernization project. (07/28/23)

AUGUST

- [IR N-4: Modular Battery Energy Storage Systems: 2022 CBC and CFC](#) This publication was revised to clarify specific code requirements relating to battery energy storage systems (BESS) consisting of prefabricated modular structures not on or inside a building for Structural Safety and Fire and Life Safety reviews. (08/22/23)
- [PR 23-04: Alternate Means for Photovoltaic \(PV\) Panel Requirements: Campus PV Systems](#)
This publication was issued to define the process for the submittal and review of K–12 School and Community College projects for which DSA has authority, requesting alternate means to the California Energy Code (CEC) regulations requiring Photovoltaic (PV) systems for all newly constructed buildings (08/23/23)

- [DSA 1-AMM-PV: Request for Alternate Design, Materials & Methods of Construction](#). This form was issued used in conjunction with *DSA Procedure (PR) 23-04: Alternate Means for Photovoltaic Panel Requirements: Campus Photovoltaic (PV) Systems*. (08/25/23)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.